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Title: "Methods for Forming Wordlines, Transistor Gates, and Conductive
Interconnects, and Wordline, Transistor Gate, and Conductive Interconnect
Structures"

DECLARATION OF MICHAEL L. LYNCH

I, MICHAEL L. LYNCH, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am employed as Chief Patent Counsel at Micron Technology, Inc., a Delaware corporation located in Boise, Idaho.

2. My address is at Micron Technology, Inc., 8000 S. Federal Way, Boise, ID 83706-9632.

3. Micron Technology, Inc. is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest of the above-identified application as evidenced by the accompanying "Assignment of Inventions, Rights and Confidential Information Agreement" which was executed by the inventor Mr. Klaus Florian Schuegraf on June 8, 1994, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", and as evidenced by the accompanying "Assignment" executed by the other inventor, Mr. Randhir P.S. Thakur. I have reviewed the Declarations, "Assignment" and "Assignment of Inventions, Rights and Confidential Information Agreement", and certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, title is in Micron Technology, Inc. I

1 am empowered to sign this statement on behalf of Micron Technology,
2 Inc., the assignee of the application.

3 4. Upon information and belief, Mr. Klaus Florian Schuegraf,
4 last of 26895 Aliso Creek Rd., Aliso Viejo, CA 92656, and a citizen of
5 the United States of America, is an original and joint inventor of the
6 above-identified invention entitled "Methods for Forming Wordlines,
7 Transistor Gates, and Conductive Interconnects, and Wordline, Transistor
8 Gate, and Conductive Interconnect Structures", and was an employee of
9 Micron Technology at the time of conception of the invention.

10 5. I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-
11 identified specification, including the claims.


12 6. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is
13 material to the examination of this application in accordance with
14 Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

15 7. Upon information and belief, the filing of the above-
16 identified application is necessary to preserve the rights of Micron
17 Technology, Inc. in the subject invention as a "Notice to File Missing
18 Parts of Application" has been issued in this matter.

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20 I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own
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a) Except as required in duties to the employer, the employee will not, directly or indirectly, use, disseminate, disclose, license, or publish articles concerning any of the employer's or its customers', products, processes, and services, including information relating to research, development, design, formulas, materials, etc., purchasing, accounting, engineering, personnel, marketing, manufacturing, and selling (hereinafter called "Confidential Information").

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ii) All documents, drawings, and designs which contain the employer's technical information shall be maintained in a locked file separate and apart from other information in the employer's possession and shall be removed therefrom only as needed to carry out the purposes authorized by permission of the employer's division and responsible.

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Date

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